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Dr. Michael Friedman, Commissioner U.S. Food and Drug Administration Dockets Management Branch, Room 1-23 12420 Parklawn Dr Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Dr. Friedman;

I am writing in regards to the petition, docket number 98P-0151/CP1 which will help downers.

This issue has gone beyond that of animal suffering. In my mind's eye I can't imagine much worse a fate than that of downers. However, with what appears to be widespread contamination of various meats and such diseases as Mad Cow there is a need for more protection. It is necessary meat from downers be classified as contaminated.

Thank-you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

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